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PLACES OF MEETING.

Williamsport, 1897, 1918.
Uniontown, 1898, 1910, 1920.
Wheeling, W. Va., 1899.
Brown Chapel, N. S. Pittsburgh, 1900, 1909, 1916.
Washington, 1901, 1912.
Brownsville, 1902.
Bellefonte, 1903.
Cannonsburg, 1904, 1915, 1923.
Clarksburg, W. Va., 1905.
St. Paul, S. S. Pittsburgh, 1906.
Scranton, 1907.
New Castle, 1908, 1922.
St. James, E. E. Pittsburgh, 1911, 1919.
Monongahela, 1913.
Oil City, 1914.
Franklin, 1917.
Bradford, 1921.

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Callie Proffett
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MINUTES

Cannonsburg, Pa., July 12, 1923.

The delegates' prayer meeting and love feast was led by Mrs. Nellie White and Mrs. Jane Pride. It was a meeting of spiritual uplift.

9:30 A. M., FRIDAY, JULY 13.

The Woman's Mite Missionary Convention of the Pittsburgh Conference Branch convened in Payne A. M. E. Church, with the president, Mrs. Sadie C. Anderson, in the chair.

The devotionals were led by Mrs. Elvira McPherson and Mrs. Sarah Harden. The roll of members and delegates was called and dues collected. The president then appointed the following committees:

Credentials—Mrs. Elmira McPherson, Mrs. Bessie Ziegler, Mrs. Lillie Colvin, Mrs. Alice Hogan.

Finance—Mrs. Lydia Williams, Mrs. Wealthea Patterson, Mrs. Malinda Garland, Mrs. Virginia Boyer, Miss Carrie Collins.

Conditions of Work—Mrs. Mamie Smothers, Mrs. Georgia Dorsey, Mrs. Olive Hill.

Ways and Means—Mrs. Anna McPherson, Mrs. Nettie Scott, Mrs. Callie Proffett, Mrs. Hortense Blake.

Temperance—Miss Carrie Collins, Mrs. Sadie Bruce, Mrs. Emma Morris.

Resolutions—Mrs. Bessie Caldwell, Mrs. Mary M. Jones, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Jennie Walker, Mrs. Beatrice Page.

Courtesy—Miss Florence Arter, Marguerite Thomas.

Memoirs—Mrs. Margaret Brown, Mrs. Pride, Miss Nellie White.

Awarding Banners—Miss Florence Arter, Mrs. Ella Harden, Mrs. Beatrice Page.

Auditing—Mrs. Lyda Williams, Mrs. Mary Bumry, Mrs. Jane Howard.

President's Address—Mrs. Isabella Temple, Miss Izetta Jefferson, Mrs. George Hoagland, Mrs. Belle Wheeler, Mrs. Carrie Christy.

The pastor announced that all delegates and members would get meal tickets for $2.00; all visitors are to pay 40c per meal.

Mrs. Lou Catlin, of Cannonsburg, was introduced to the convention. Mrs. Catlin is one of the mothers of the church, having spent many years of faithful service.

Mrs. Temple, Rev. Williams and Mrs. R. H. Morris spoke of the faithful work of Mrs. Margaret Wheeler both in the church and in the Missionary Society.

"Love Lifted Me" was sung by the convention.

A motion was made and carried that the bar of the convention be fixed at the fourth row across the church.

Rev. J. C. Anderson, of Bethel, Pittsburgh, Rev. Blake, of Monessen, Rev. Dandridge, of Clairton, and Rev. Elam, of New Kensington,

were introduced to the convention. Each minister spoke of the great need of missionary work and pledged his hearty support.

Mrs. Lyda Williams responded to the ministers very fittingly.

Rev. G. W. Williams made a few remarks and welcomed the convention to his church.

"Heavenly Home" was sung by the convention.

Mrs. Lulu Blair, president of the Pennsylvania Conference Branch, Mrs. Marie H. Smith, Mrs. Harden, Mrs. LeVada Norris, Mrs. Matilda Robinson were introduced to the convention. Mrs. Robinson made a few remarks.

By request, Mrs. Lulu Blair sang, "What a Wonderful Savior to Me."

Mrs. Mary M. Jones stated that any one wishing transportation should apply to Rev. Williams.

The program for the convention was read by the Corresponding Secretary. A motion was made and carried that the program be adopted.

"Move Up the King's Highway" was sung by the convention.

Mrs. R. H. Morris asked that Mrs. Golden and Mrs. Wheeler tell of the wonderful work done in McKeesport. Mrs. Pride told of the house-to-house canvass and the personal work done in the same field.

"Can the World See Jesus in You" was sung by the convention.

Mrs. Alice J. Batch, Mrs. L. V. Jones and Mrs. W. T. Watson were introduced to the convention, and made a few remarks.

Mrs. Beatrice Page responded to the remarks.

Closed by singing "Can the World see Jesus in you."

3 P. M., FRIDAY, JULY 13.

Hymn, "Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove".....By Rev. J. S. Blake
Prayer .....Rev. E. Y. Elam
Hymn, "Life's Railway to Heaven."
Lesson, Luke 10-1 .....Rev. N. D. Temple
Hymn, "Whosoever Will."
Sermon, "Jesus of Nazareth Passeth By." Text: Matt. 9:36. .....
Rev. J. C. Anderson, of Bethel Church, Pittsburgh

Dr. Anderson brought his subject plainly before us and gave much statistical matter and referred us to the A. M. E. Year Book.

Prayer .....Rev. J. T. Redley
Celebration of the Holy Communion by Rev. R. H. Bumry and Rev. G. W. Williams.
Announcements.
Benediction.

8:00 P. M., FRIDAY.

Organ Voluntary.
Prayer.
Anthem.
The Annual Address of the President .....Mrs. Sadie C. Anderson
Music ..... Choir
Adress in Behalf of the District .....Rev. R. H. Bumry
Solo ..... Mrs. Prawl
Address in Behalf of City Churches .....Dr. G. G. Kerr
Anthem.
Address in Behalf of the Sister Society .....Mrs. Amelia Brown

Solo ..... Miss Edith Sluby
Address in Behalf of Local Societies .....Mrs. Lyda Williams
Solo .....Mrs. Birdia Bullitt
Address in Behalf of Sunday School .....S. A. Warfield
Anthem ..... Choir
Address in Behalf of Local Church .....Mrs. Margaret Wheeler
Quintette.
Response .....Mrs. R. H. Morris
Offering.
Benediction.
Reception to Delegates and Members.

SECOND DAY, 9 A. M.

Devotional service conducted by Mrs. Welthea Patterson and Mrs. Mamie Smothers. Singing, Convention Choir. Motion was passed that the splendid address of our President be placed in the hands of committee. The minutes of the Executive Session held in Monongahela, March 1st, were read and adopted. A splendid paper entitled, "The Bible," was read by Miss Carrie Collins. Mrs. G. W. Williams was appointed reporter to the Recorder, Mrs. Mary Bumry for The Voice of Missions, and Mrs. Nellie J. White for the city papers.

A letter from Mrs. W. M. Beckett, Corresponding Secretary of the Parent Society, requested that each member pay 10c annually for the Sarah Tanner Memorial Fund. This request was approved by our President, Mrs. Anderson. Mrs. Emma L. Morris, Superintendent of the Washington District, and Mrs. Nellie J. White, of the Allegheny District, made encouraging reports of the work in their districts, and a standing vote of thanks was given them. The Credential Committee reported twenty delegates. Next was reports of delegates. Mrs. Boyer gave a fine report of the work done by the Monesson Society.

Mrs. Brooks asked the ministers and Presiding Elders to please tell the Convention what is done with the money that is sent to the Annual Conference from the Conference Branch Missionary Society. Rev. Bumry explained that the money was distributed quarterly to pastors in mission points.

Motion was passed that all money collected for Missionary work be reported on the annual blanks and then five minutes be given each delegate to report the local work of her society. Next came reports of the Young Peoples' Societies. The convention sang "Have Thine Own Way," and adjourned for dinner.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Minutes of the Friday meetings were read and adopted. Introductions: Mrs. Lavada Burd, Mrs. Strothers, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Grant, Miss Tenie Robinson and Mrs. Cook.

Next was the report of the Treasurer, Mrs. Ella Brooks, who, in addition also compared the reports of these societies in 1922 with their report of 1923, and announced that a creditable increase was noted.

Mrs. Lauretta Moore, Corresponding Secretary, and Miss Edna E. Collins, Secretary-Treasurer of Young People's Department, each made her report.

A standing vote of thanks was given these three officers for their

splendid reports. Mrs. Virginia Boyer read an interesting paper on "Spirituality, Our Greatest Need."

The president then announced the names of the nominating committee as follows: Mrs. Virginia Boyer, Mrs. Isabelle Wheeler, Mrs. Callie Proffitt, Mrs. Alice Hoagland and Mrs. Mamie Bradshaw.

Mrs. Bessie Zeigler sang "If Your Heart Keeps Right," much to the uplift of the Convention.

Reports of committees on Conditions of Work and President's Address were read and adopted.

A "Question Box" was conducted by Mrs. R. H. Morris, and some very good thoughts brought out. A motion was passed that the West Virginia Conference Branch, the Pennsylvania Conference Branch and the Pittsburgh Conference Branch hold a Missionary Congress, and that each Branch President appoint a committee from her branch.

The reports of the Auditing Committee and the Ways and Means Committee were read and adopted.

The Temperance Committee reported and a short but pleasing program was rendered. A vote of thanks was extended this committee.

A motion was passed that the banners be awarded on the per capita basis.

Another motion prevailed that the convention consider the case of Rev. Ridley's daughter. The Committee on Awarding of Banners reported and the first banner was awarded to the Young People's Society of Brown Chapel, and the second banner to the Society of Washington, Pa.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and the following officers elected for the ensuing year:

President .....Mrs. Sadie C. Anderson
First Vice President .....Mrs. Mary Bumry
Second Vice President .....Mrs. A. B. Robinson
Recording Secretary .....Mrs. G. W. Williams
Corresponding Secretary .....Mrs. Lauretta D. Moore
Treasurer .....Mrs. Ella Brooks
Sec.-Treas. Young People .....Miss Edna Collins
Organizer, Young People .....Miss Florence Arter
Executive Board—Mrs. Isabella Temple, Mrs. Carrie Christy and Miss Izetta Jefferson.
District Presidents—Allegheny District, Mrs. Nellie J. White; Washington District, Mrs. Virginia Boyer.

Invitations were extended and accepted for the Convention to meet in Monesson in July, 1924, and Homestead, 1925, and the Executive Board at St. Paul's Church, S. S. Pittsburgh, the first Thursday in March, 1924.

The Committee on Resolutions made their report, and the meeting was adjourned.

A short executive session was held.

THIRD DAY, 9:30 A. M.

Devotional lead by Mrs. George Hoagland and Mrs. Georgia Dorsey.

At 10:30 Rev. R. H. Bumry, Presiding Elder of the Washington District, preached a very inspiring sermon on "Missionary Enterprise and Endeavor," from Mark 16-15. Rev. A. Smothers, of Homestead, assisted in the morning service. An offering, amounting to $20.45, was lifted for Rev. J. T. Ridley, to assist him in prosecuting a school

teacher for the unjust punishment of his little daughter. Public offering, $51.00.

Following this, a very impressive memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Nellie J. White, Mrs. Jane Pride and Mrs. Margaret Brown. After a short eulogy by Mrs. White, the names of deceased members were called and flowers dropped in their memory by Mrs. Jane Pride.

Benediction.

AFTERNOON, 2:30.

Young People's Mass Meeting conducted by Miss Edna Collins and Miss Eva Brooks. After singing "Brighten the Corner Where You Are," the 26th Psalm was read by Miss Marguerite Thomas, of Bethel Church Young Ladies' Society, and the Lord's Prayer repeated in concert. Miss Eva Brooks, former Superintendent of the Young People's Societies, gave a short talk expressing her delight in being able to meet the members again. Miss Brooks was accompanied by about 15 of the Washington Juniors, who rendered a pleasing program, among the numbers being a welcome address by Miss Naomi Patterson, a song, "Building," by the members, a duet by Minnie Crockett and Dorothy Thomas, a story, "I Thought I Could," by Dorothy Thomas, and a piano selection by Evon Thompson. Miss Katherine Brown, of Cannonsburg, delighted the members with an original selection.

The President, Mrs. Anderson, complimented the young people for their work and predicted a great missionary society in the future from such splendid material and also complimented the Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Edna Collins, for the efficient work done by her during the year.

Address by H. D. Howard, District Superintendent of Sunday Schools.

MINISTERS' HOUR, 3:30 P. M.

After singing, "Shine for Jesus," a wonderful address on "The Trend of the Races," was given by Dr. J. F. Farley, of Brown Chapel. Another splendid address on "What Does the Missionary Society Mean to the Church?" by Dr. W. H. Truss, of Wilkinsburg. Rev. Alexander Smothers, for more than 50 years in the work, gave some very instructive remarks. Offering. Benediction.

EVENING, 7:00 O'CLOCK.

Singing by choir. Scripture, 103rd Psalm. Prayer by Rev. A. Smothers. Rev. George W. Williams, pastor of the local church, delivered a very able sermon from Matt. 6-2, subject, "He Knows the Available God."

Following the offering, the newly elected officers were installed by Rev. Williams, and the convention adjourned to meet in Monessen, Pa., in July, 1924.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT OF WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

Madam President, Mr. P. E., Pastor, Officers and Members of the 27th Session of Pittsburgh Conference Branch:

I beg to make my annual report.

First, I wish to return thanks to our Heavenly Father for his guiding care and his keeping power; second, to the Presiding Elder, and Pastors, Officers and Members for their encouragement and support.

While we were somewhat sad at the thought of being separated from the women with whom we have labored for over twenty years,

yet we are indeed glad to report that all seemed to feel the need of doing more for the cause of Missions.

In the beginning of the year's work, I wrote to all of the societies, tried to encourage them and offered to assist them in any way possible. But I am sorry to say that only a few of the societies replied.

On December 21st, I went to Monesson but on account of it being so close to Christmas, we did not hold a meeting.

On February 7, I promised to meet the ladies at Bellevernon, but on account of the ladies at whose home we were to meet being sick, we did not have a meeting.

February 18 I went to Donora, where we met Mrs. Anderson, our President, and she addressed the ladies, after which a very encouraging looking society was organized, with Mrs. Fannie Frazier as president. I was accompanied to Donora by Mrs. Nettie Scott, a member of our local society at Monongahela, Pa.

Monongahela, Pa., our local society, we feel has been faithful to the cause of missions in holding its meetings regularly, sending in its money regularly, and also its reports, besides visiting and aiding the sick and keeping up its extra assessments. Mrs. Mary Grayson is its president.

March 15, I met the Monesson society at the home of Mrs. Virginia Boyer, its excellent president. A good number were out and a splendid meeting was held. A quilt was presented by Mrs. Pendelton to aid the society in raising funds. Rev. Blake was present and gave words of encouragement. We had a very enjoyable social hour at the close of the meeting. Received one dollar and fifty cents ($1.50).

March 1, the Executive Board met at Monongahela. All the officers were present, and a very profitable day was spent. Mrs. Brooks, our Treasurer, and Mrs. Moore, our Corresponding Secretary, stayed at night, and met some of the ladies of our local society, and gave us a great deal of useful information.

Through the kindness of our Presiding Elder, Dr. Bumry, we were able to hold a mass meeting at Clairton, and am very pleased to say that the societies after being notified responded so nobly by sending representatives to the meeting. We had the honor of having present our President, Mrs. Anderson, who gave us an excellent address. Mrs. Brooks, our Treasurer, gave us the financial statement of our work. Mrs. Margaret Wheeler, one of our executive members, greatly encouraged us by telling us of her years of Women's Mite Missionary work. Mrs. Matilda Robinson and Mrs. Batch, officers of the Pennsylvania Conference Branch, were present. Also representatives from most of our Societies, and we are very grateful to Presiding Elders Bumry and Gibbs, together with a number of ministers for their helpful remarks and contributions. Raised $12.25.

May 10 I called on Mrs. Mamie Brown, president of the Bellevernon Society. She promised to send in their money and try and have me meet their society.

Mrs. Rev. Brown, of Price Dale and Bentleville, also seemed encouraged and said she would try and arrange for me to meet their women.

On June 24, it was my good fortune to meet the good women of Cannonsburg. I was accompanied by Mrs. Brooks, our Treasurer. The women seemed to be in earnest in regards to doing their full duty for missions and working earnestly towards entertaining the convention. Mrs. Sluby is the president of this society. Received $1.75.

On June 25th I met the loyal society at Brown Chapel, found the

women wide awake, and arranging to bring up all departments of the missionary work. Mrs. Howard is this society's president. Received $1.20.

From reports Washington and Homestead are doing excellent work. South Side has elected officers and taken on new life. West Elizabeth, Duquesne, Charleroi, Waynesburg and West Middletown are all aiding in our missionary work.

Now, dear sisters, let us continue to pray and do our duty for the cause of missions, realizing that we will succeed if we faint not.

"In lifting another's burden,
In speaking a word of cheer,
You make your own cares lighter,
And easier for to bear."

I thank all those who have assisted me by their prayers and support this year. I remain,

EMMA L. MORRIS,
President, Washington District.

REPORT OF THE ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.

Madam President, Officers and Members of the 27th Annual Convention of the Woman's Mite Missionary Society of the Pittsburgh Conference Branch:

First, I wish to return thanks to our Heavenly Father for guidance and keeping power, and to this body for electing me one of its officers and to the Presiding Elder and Pastors and Members for their co-operation. It is with joy I make my first report. You are aware of the fact that the year was far spent when we began our work, but we have tried to do what we could in the way of visiting and communicating with the societies in the district. I have written to all of the societies. In some cases I did not receive any response.

I visited the Disrtict Conference at Meadville on Thursday afternoon. We had a very good meeting. Our honored President, Mrs. Sadie C. Anderson, was with us. $3.54 was collected.

On the 17th of April we visited West Bridgewater and had a splendid meeting. Received $2.00.

On June 7th we visited Bethel Church, Pittsburgh. It was their regular meeting night. I was much pleased to see how this society was engaged in the work for missions. Mrs. S. C. Anderson is the splendid president of this society. $5.00 was received.

On June 19th I visited Allen Chapel, Pittsburgh. At this place we found a band of earnest workers, women who are loyal and hard at work. We had a profitable meeting. Mrs. Nettie Robinson is the president. $3.16 was received.

Last but not least, we want to speak of the work in New Castle. Here we have a few faithful women who are ever working for the building of God's Kingdom. These few, through their untiring efforts, have been able to do quite a bit of local work and meet all the other requirements. We ask the prayers of this body for success in the work.

NELLIE J. WHITE,
Superintendent Allegheny District.

ANNUAL ADDRESS TO THE PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE BRANCH BY MRS. SADIE C. ANDERSON, PRESIDENT.

To the Ministers, Members and Friends of Pittsburgh Conference Branch of the Woman's Mite Missionary Society, Greetings:

As one of the two offsprings and successors to the original Pittsburgh Annual Conference Branch of the Woman's Mite Missionary Society, we are assembled in our first Annual Convention. It is an occasion of joy that our ranks have not been broken by the "grim reaper." Although we may exclaim, "What troubles have we seen, what conflicts have we passed!" To the glory of God we should gladly respond, "But out of all the Lord hath brought us by His love."

The one controlling motive and interest that brings us together should be the extension of our Master's Kingdom, and every thought, every purpose, and every plan should be worthy of His approval. I have thought that it might be valuable to present a review and synopsis of the Missionary movement in our church from its beginning.

As you know, the denomination was organized in 1816, one hundred and seven years ago. The next year, 1817, the Rev. Daniel Coker, one of the founders of the church, sailed for Africa, and entered upon a missionary career.

From 1817 to 1874, which latter date was the time when the women of the church began to be organized for the promotion of the cause of missions, was a period of 57 years. Let us see what happened during that little more than a half century of time.

In 1824, eight years after the Church was organized and seven years after Daniel Coker went to West Africa, a small group of our people who had emigrated from this country to the Island of Hayti early in the nineteenth century, called upon Bishop Allen to send them an "ordained missionary or missionaries to care for their moral and spiritual education." Accordingly the Bishop sent them the Rev. Scipio Bean, and also Brother H. Roberts to assits him. They labored there until the year 1834, ten years altogether.

But the first general missionary the Church had who was appointed by the General Conference to do mission work was Wm. Paul Quinn. His appointment was made in 1840, after he had since 1832 been doing service in Pittsburgh, Pa., Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, being Presiding Elder over said region.

Under that appointment—which covered the whole western section of the country—he labored until 1844, winning wide and fruitful fields for the Church, and so deeply were his life and services appreciated that many churches have been named after him all over the country, but especially in the west and in states on the border of "Mason and Dixon's Line." Thos. M. D. Ward was later associated with Wm. Paul Quinn and became his successor in the field.

There was no Missionary Organization at all except the Church itself, from 1816 to 1844, so that the sole dependence for financial support was upon special collections, which each pastor was required to bring from his congregation. But while there was no connectual organization under General Conference authority and direction, from 1844 to 1864, there was a Parent Home and Foreign Missionary Society conducted by a Board of Managers of the Baltimore Annual Conference and substantial support was furnished to the two missionaries who were sent to unclaimed fields.

In 1864, just a year before the great Civil War closed, the General Conference organized a permanent Parent Home and Foreign Missionary Department and elected the Rev. John M. Brown, Secretary, who served one quadrenium, 1864 to 1868, and being elected Bishop

another was chosen to follow him as Secretary of the Missionary Department. From that time till the present an unbroken line of secretaries has served the department and its field of operation has widened as means have been increasingly supplied.

But we are now to enter upon a new era. The great army of consecrated women in the Church were soon called into organized activity in this needy field and wonders were soon to be done by them. In the issue of the Christian Recorder for February 19, 1864, Dr. B. T. Tanner, then editor, addressed an open letter to the Bishops' wives, as follows:

"After much consideration and prayer I address you as representative women of the Church. Mrs. Bishop Quinio, Mrs. Bishop Payne, Mrs. Bishop Wayman, Mrs. Bishop Campbell, Mrs. Bishop Brown, Mrs. Bishop Shorter, Mrs. Bishop Ward: What are the women of the Church doing? No complaint of the past; faithfully did they do the work Providence laid before them. But, what of the present? Do you ask what there is for the women of Zion to do? We reply—very much. It is not our purpose to tell **everything** they must do, but rather of **one thing** they ought to do. **They ought to organize a Woman's Missionary Society.** At this moment our missionary work in Hayti lies upon its oars—and why? The Church with all its acknowledged riches can not afford to assist it. Will you not, my sisters, lead off in the organization of a Missionary Society of the A. M. E. Church, which shall supply the means by which Hayti shall live? Accepting the M. E. Church for example, what victories they have achieved by organization."

Thus wrote Dr. Tanner, and in a little over two months' time his appeal bore fruit, for the Bishops' wives met in Washington, D. C. Mrs. John M. Brown read an able paper on the subject, the situation was earnestly considered, and a temporary organization was formed, with Mrs. Mary Campbell as President; and a General Convention was called to meet in August, the same year, at Pittsburgh, changed to Bethel, Philadelphia, Pa. They organized the Women's Parent Mite Missionary Society of the A. M. E. Church. For the next 19 years, from 1874 to 1893, it was the only Woman's Missionary Society in the connection.

It strengthened the work and made possible the increase of missionaries at home and abroad. It bore its part of the work in Hayti, and later, in West Africa, during that period. Dr. C. W. Mossell and others were sent to Hayti in the spring of 1879. A new day had dawned in the church. The work flourished and rapid expansion became the order of the day.

On June 30, 1885, there came an appeal from "Zion Chapel," of the Countess Huntington connection in Freetown, Sierra Leon, West Africa, to the A. M. E. Church in the United States of America to bring about a "union or amalgamation."

The request was granted, and the Rev. John William Frederick, as the representative Missionary of the African M. E. Church, was sent, and after preliminaries were performed, by 1887 the Church, the people and twelve acres of land were handed over to the African M. E. Church. From that day the work continued to grow wider and wider until the church now, and has for many years, sent a Bishop to West and also to South Africa.

But great as has been the work of this first Woman's Mite Missionary Society, it covers only a part of the connection, which fact was noticed by a band of faithful women who, in September, 1893, went to South Bend, Ind., where Bishop H. M. Turner was holding an

annual conference, and calling his attention to the fact that in the South and Southwest there were thousands of women of the Church who would be glad to give their hearts and hands to this cause. They asked the privilege and authority to organize a Missionary Society. It was gladly granted and Dr. Derrick (later Bishop Derrick), who was then Secretary of Missions, encouraged the movement, and the organization was launched under the name of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, subordinate to the Missionary Department of the A. M. E. Church.

It has grown by leaps and bounds throughout the South and Southwest. Both societies, namely, ours, which is the Woman's Parent Mite Missionary Society, and theirs, which is the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, have Conference Branches and local Church Societies. Both meet every four years in quadrennial convention. The Southern body held its quadrennial convention in the early part of June, this year, in Georgia, and our quadrennial will come in October, in Brooklyn, N. Y., when we celebrate our Golden Anniversary.

Now, my sisters, there are scores and scores of Branches—large and small—throughout the country, vying with one another in friendly rivalry to excell in the work of redemption and world evangelization. We rejoice to know that our little Branch is an important and fruitful part of the whole movement.

Our infant branch,—now just one year old—under the special arrangement which put old material into new shape and size, with new officers, gladly acknowledges its mother, the old Pittsburgh Conference Branch, and will strive to be worthy of the noble parentage.

We are here to make our first annual report for this first year under the new order. What offering do we bring?

Let us first of all bring an earnest and pure desire for and consecration to the glory of God.

In the second place, let us bring in abundance the sheaves we have gleaned to feed the sheep, the shepherds and the tender lambs, remembering our Master's warning: "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones, for verily I say unto you, their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven."

The Number of Local Societies and the Year's Visits.

We now have 34 local societies, including the one reorganized at Indinaola and one organized during the year at Donora, by request of the Pastor.

Accepting invitations of Pastor and Local officers, and also to do executive business, the President has made 14 trips during the year, namely: Brown Chapel, 2; Donora, 2; Monongahela City, 1; Indianola, 1; Duquesne, 1; Homestead, 1; Bellevue, 1; New Kensington, 1; Monesson, 2, and also a raternal visit to thfe Pennsylvania Conference Branch, at Connellsville.

The work included organizing, reorganizing and striving to encourage workers. We are glad to say that in most places we found the work flourishing ,while some were in need of being strengthened. But all in all we have easonr to thank God and take new courage.

Recommendations.

For your consideration the President offers the following recommendations:

1. That, selecting some week night, we observe Sarah Allen Day, in honor of the wife of our first Bishop, who made great sacrifices and did large service for the comfort and proper appearance of the Ministers, whom her now famous husband appointed; and that moneys

raised by the celebration be used for the widows and orphans of ministers of the Pittsburgh Conference.

It was Sarah Allen who noticed the seedy appearance of the preachers first sent out, and after giving them their supper, visited the sisters, went and bought a bolt of "homespun" and spent the night making jackets and pants for the preachers that they might be presentable for the discharge of their ministerial duties.

2. We recommend that we select a week night to celebrate Sarah A. Tanner Day, and the moneys raised to go to help the widows and orphans in the foreign fields; that it be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Woman's Parent Mite Missionary Society for that special purpose. Mrs. Tanner was the treasurer of the parent body for many years until her death.

3. That we have an Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the Young People's Department, because the distance is too great for one to keep in touch and do the concrete work among our young people, who should be nourished with proper social, moral and spiritual food and consecrated in the bloom of their womanhood to this high career. Let the young woman who is selected for this work be thoroughly consecrated to the cause of missions.

4. That we have an Assistant Recording Secretary.

5. I recommend that we organize to welcome our people who are coming from other parts of the land, and that we help them to adapt themselves to the new communities where they settle.

6. That we hold our Convention three (3) days only, beginning the second Friday in July and closing Sunday night. Thursday, delegate's prayer meeting.

7. I recommend that a letter of appreciation and assurance of our help be sent to the Methodist and Baptist women at conventions of Alabama and Georgia in their effort to suppress mob rule in the land.

8. That our motto be: "CHRIST FOR THE WORLD, AND THE WORLD FOR CHRIST."

And now, dear friends, adopting the Golden Rule as the law of our lives, let us firmly resolve that, not antagonism and obstruction, but co-operation in good works, shall be the practice of our lives, for, as some one has said:

"'Tain't the guns or armament,
Nor the friends that they can pay;
But the close co-operation that always wins the day.
'Tain't the individual, nor the army as a whole;
It is the everlasting teamwork
Of every living soul."

All recommendations adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONDITION OF WORK.

Madam President, Officers and Members of the Pittsburgh Conference Branch:

We, the Committee on Condition of Work, beg leave to make the following report. After hearing the report of the District Presidents and the delegates we find that the work has progressed both spiritually and financially, but yet we find room for improvement.

We find need of a greater awakening in soul-winning. We highly commend the work done by the Young People's Society and we hope that the senior society will co-operate with them and inspire them to greater activity.

MRS. MAMIE SMOTHERS, Chairlady
MRS. GEORGIA DORSEY
MRS. OLIVE HILL, Sec'y.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Madam President, Officers and Members of the 27th Annual Convention of the W. M. M. S. of the P. C. B.:

Greetings:—Again we come with our annual report. The local societies have responded well to the blanks sent them regularly. Twenty-six societies have reported this year. 150 minutes were sent out.

Received from the C. B. Treasurer.

March 1	$ 9.65
June 16	19.65
	$ 29.30

Expenses.

October—One Record	$ .60
November—Sending Minutes; 1st Q. Letters and Blanks	2.78
Printing Letterheads	4.75
Jan.—Letters and Blanks	.92
Feb.—Notices, etc.	.70
April—Letters and Blanks	1.02
March 13—300 Q. Blanks	3.50
1,000 Envelopes	3.90
150 Copies Programs	10.00
100 Sheets Paper	.25
June—Postage	1.00
	$ 29.42
Collected for Minutes	$ 16.00
Constitutions	.55

MRS. S. C. ANDERSON, President.
LAURETTA D. MOORE, Cor. Secy.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

Madam President, Officers and Members of the 27th Annual Convention of the W. M. M. S. of the P. C. B.:

We, your Auditing Committee, beg to submit the following report:

Having carefully examined the books of the Treasurer, and the Corresponding Secretary, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Young People's Department, we find them in splendid condition, and tallying in every respect.

MRS. G. W. WILLIAMS, Chairlady
MRS. JANE HOWARD
MARY A. BUMRY, Sec'y.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

To the President, Officers and Members of the W. M. M. Convention of the Pittsburgh Conference Branch:

Greetings:—We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to submit the following report:

Resolved, That we thank our Heavenly Father, in his ever goodness in permitting us to meet here in the First Annual Convention of the P. C. B. in Payne A. M. E. Church, Cannonsburg, Pa.

Resolved, That we extend a hearty thanks to the Pastor and his good wife, for the very open welcome they gave us, and for their untiring efforts for the comforts of their guests, and the members and

friends who willingly opened their homes, doing all in their power for our comfort and pleasure.

Resolved, That we thank those to whom fell the essential duty of preparing and serving the meals, and who performed this duty in a most skilled and excellent way.

Resolved, That we thank all committees for their untiring efforts during this convention, especially the Janitor and Choir.

Resolved, That we thank Mrs. Brooks, our Treasurer, for her splendid report, and for her accurate account, showing us our increase and decrease of 1922-1923.

Resolved, That we thank Rev. J. C. Anderson for his wonderful outline of the condition of Africa, and his instructions, encouragement and for the inspiration we gained from P. E. Bumry and all visiting ministers, and Ex-President and visitors from the Penna. Conference Branch.

Resolved, That we thank Mrs. C. A. McGee, President of the West Virginia Conference Branch, and our Ex-President, for her Inspiration and timely service.

Resolved, That we thank Rev. G. G. Kerr, Prseident of the Ministerial Association, for his presence and spiritual welcome.

Resolved, That a letter of sympathy be sent from this convention to our Bishop, J. H. Jones, and prayers for his speedy recovery.

Resolved, That thanks be extended Mrs. R. H. Morris for her timely response to the welcome address.

Whereas, Rev. J. T. Ridley, pastor of West Middletown Circuit, has been burdened with an afflicted child by the maltreatment of her school teacher, and under the circumstances which it was done, and his condition such, having seven small children to support, with too small mission churches and very small membership, therefore, be it Resolved, That the P. C. B. of W. M. M. Society will appeal the delegates and visitors to raise at least Fifty Dollars ($50) to assist him in extricating himself from the present condition that he is not responsible for.

Resolved, That we thank the President and her efficient officers, who have so faithfully performed their official duties.

Whereas, under the guidance of our heavenly father and the inspiration, encouragement, spiritual blessings and success, we have gained at this, our First Convention of the P. C. B., Be It Resolved. That we separate from each other with a determination to put forth our best efforts for the cause of missions. Our motto: "Christ for the World and the World for Christ."

MRS. BESSIE. CALDWELL, Chairlady
MRS. BEATRICE PAGE
MRS. EFFIE WRIGHT
MRS. MARY M. JONES
MRS. JENNIE WALKER, Sec'y.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.

Madam President, Officers and Members of the 27th Annual Session of the W. M. M. S. of the P. C. B.:

We, your Committee on Memoirs, submit the following report

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from us

our beloved Bishop T. Tanner, Senior Bishop of our Church, and many of our women from missionary societies of P. C. B., be it

Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to the will of God, and, in the language of the poet:

The Saints who die in Christ possessed,
Enter into immediate rest,
For them no further test remains
Of purging fires and torturing pain.

Who trusting in their Lord depart,
Cleansed from all sin and pure in heart,
The bliss unmixed, the glorious prize,
They find with Christ in Paradise.

Close followed by their works they go,
Their Master's purchased joy to know,
Their works enhance the bliss prepared,
And each hath its distinct reward.

Yet glorified by grace alone,
They cast their crowns before the throne,
And fill the echoing courts above
With praises of redeeming love.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JANE PRIDE, Chairlady
MRS. MARGARET BROWN
MRS. NELLIE WHITE, Sec'y.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

Madam President, Officers and Members of the 27th Annual Convention of the Woman's Mite Missionary Society of the P.C.B.:

We, your Committee on Ways and Means, beg to submit the following report:

After careful consideration, we suggest:

First—A Rainy Day Rally, same to be conducted by each member of a local society, to have a can in which is placed a small coin on every rainy or snowy day; cans to be collected and opened every three months; money placed in the treasury.

Second—We suggest a house social once a month, using the last figure of the hostess' door number for the collection on the plate, unless the figure is "0" or "1," then a dime is placed on the plate.

Third—Hidden Treasure Social once a month, same conducted by placing a small paper spoon on some object in tissue paper and each member deposit a small fee at the door for a treasure.

Fourth—A missing letter from the President's name at each meeting, each member paying 25c to guess the missing letter. Makes a very interesting way to collect a little money.

Humbly submitted,

MRS. NETTIE SCOTT, Chairlady
MRS. HORTENSE V. BLAKE
MRS. CALLIE M. PROFFET

Treasurer's Report, July, 1922, to July, 1923

RECEIPTS

Washington District

	1st	Quarterly 2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Washington	$14.23	$10.00	$25.29	$16.67	$ 66.19
Brown Chapel, Pittsburgh	15.00	15.00	67.00	33.00	130.00
Cannonsburg	10.00	10.00	10.00	6.53	36.53
St. Paul, S. S. Pittsburgh	.....	5.00	.....	7.00	12.00
Homestead	16.86	39.00	.....	33.27	89.13
Monongahela	15.00	20.00	15.00	10.00	60.00
Monesson	10.00	7.00	27.00	33.00	77.00
West Elizabeth	.....	3.00	.....	.....	3.00
Duquesne	.....	4.59	3.49	5.75	13.83
Charleroi	6.00	.....	.....	.....	6.00
Bellevernon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Donora	.....	.....	.....	10.00	10.00
Clairton	2.00	4.00	3.00	4.00	13.00
Waynesburg	.....	4.35	.....	5.38	9.73
West Middletown	1.20	1.58	1.61	1.00	5.39
Total 14 societies reporting					$531.80

Allegheny District.

	1st	Quarterly 2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Bethel, Pittsburgh	$20.00	$20.00	$25.00	$95.00	$160.00
Allen Chapel, Pittsburgh	6.00	6.50	8.00	6.00	26.50
New Brighton	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Erie	.....	.....	5.00	.....	5.00
Meadville	.....	3.00	.....	.....	3.00
Farrell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bradford	5.00	10.64	6.00	9.58	31.22
Titusville	.....	.....	5.00	5.49	10.49
Oil City	.....	.....	.....	10.00	10.00
Franklin	14.95	7.95	4.60	12.80	40.30
Kittanning	1.58	.....	.....	.....	1.58
Butler	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Bridgewater	5.00	3.70	.....	.....	8.70
Bellevue	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Elwood City	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Kensington	.....	.....	.....	2.00	2.00
New Castle	7.25	20.00	14.60	13.62	55.47
Tarentum	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00
Total 13 societies reporting					$374.26

DISBURSEMENTS.

March, 1923—

Expense Executive Meeting	$ 46.54
Corresponding Secretary—Printing	9.75
Secretary—Printing	3.00
Treasurer—Printing and Postage	10.50
Mrs. E. L. Morris, Superintendent	15.00
Mrs. Nellie J. White, Superintendent	15.00
Miss Edna Collins, Secretary-Treasurer	15.00

April—	
Observer Publishing Co.	4.00
June—Corresponding Secretary—Supplies	19.65
July—	
Officers' traveling expense	63.71
Officers' board at convention	12.00
Appropriations	123.00
Mrs. C. S. Smith, Parent Secy.-Treas	107.16
August—	
Printing Minutes, etc.	60.00
Stationery	10.00
Expense Publishing Committee	33.90
Contingent to Parent M. M. Society	6.00
Delegates to Parent M. M. Society	115.20
To Foreign Treasurer	375.39
Total disbursements	$1,044.80

SUMMARY.

Receipts.

Auxiliaries	$ 896.06
Young Peoples' Societies	214.31
Mary A. Campbell Day	44.20
Special Assessment	115.20
Sale of Minutes	16.55
Contingent and Collections	92.60
Annual Conference	33.72
District Conference	4.55
Total for year	$1,417.19
Balance from last year	15.00
Total receipts	$1,432.19
Total disbursements	1,056.80
BALANCE to date, August 15th	$ 375.39

ELLA H. BROOKS, Treasurer.

REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER OF Y. P. DEPT.

To the President, Officers and Members of the Woman's Mite Missionary Convention of the Pittsburgh Conference Branch:

I, the secretary and treasurer of the Young People's Department, beg to present my first annual report.

Washington Juniors	$ 70.00
Brown Chapel, Pittsburgh, Intermediates	89.00
Franklin Juniors	10.00
Oil City Juniors	4.29
New Castle Juniors	10.02
Bethel Church, Pittsburgh, Allen Stars	7.00
Bethel Church, Pittsburgh, Young Ladies' Society	14.00
Brown Chapel, Pittsburgh, Juniors	28.00
Total	$ 232.31
Contingent money	3.00
Balance	$ 229.31

Respectfully submitted,

EDNA E. COLLINS, Secy.-Treas. Y. P. Dept.

	No. Members	Decrease	Deaths	Home Work	Parent Work	Local Work	Special Effort	Delegates' Assessment	Minutes	Mary Campbell	Sarah Tanner	Contingent
Allen Chapel, N. S., Pgh	15	6	1	$13.25	$13.25	$ 13.08	$10.00	$10.00	$ 1.35	$ 5.00	$	$ 3.50
Bethel, Pittsburgh	40	3		80.00	80.00	104.75	5.00	25.00	2.25	6.00	4.70	5.00
Bethel, Young Ladies, Pgh	16			4.50	4.50	1.00	2.00			1.00		1.00
Bethel, Allen Stars	12			1.50	1.50	1.00	2.00					1.00
Brown Chapel, N. S., Pgh	68		4	65.00	65.00	34.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.70		5.00
Brown Chapel, Sarah Gorham	15			44.50	44.50	15.00						1.00
Brown Chapel, Jr.	6		1	14.00	14.00							.50
Bradford	20			15.61	15.61	34.18		3.00		1.00		1.00
Clairton	12		2	6.50	6.50	2.00			.60			1.20
Cannonsburg	20			18.26	18.27		37.91	7.00	1.50	1.00		1.00
Charleroi				3.00	3.00							
Duquesne	10			6.91	6.92							
Donora				5.00	5.00							
Erie	13			2.50	2.50							
Franklin	46			20.15	20.15	5.70		10.00	1.50	2.00		1.50
Franklin, Jr.	15			2.50	2.50							
Homestead	30			44.56	44.57	124.77			1.50	2.00		2.00
Kittanning				.79	.79							
Monesson	30		4	38.50	38.50	467.07		10.00	.75	1.50		3.00
Monongahela	15			30.00	30.00	30.50		10.00	1.50	7.00		2.00
Meadville				1.50	1.50							
New Castle	27		1	27.73	27.74	34.41		10.00	.75	2.00		1.00
New Castle, Jr.	31			5.01	5.01							
New Kensington	5		1	1.00	1.00	24.39						2.00
Oil City	17			5.00	5.00		2.00			1.00		1.00
St. Paul, S. S., Pgh.	15		1	6.00	6.00	8.00		1.00		1.00		1.00
Tarentum	12			10.00	10.00	19.21	2.00	2.00	.30	1.00		1.00
Titusville	17			5.24	5.25				.75			
Washington	22		1	33.09	33.10			15.00	1.50	2.00		2.20
Washington, Jr.	25			35.00	35.00							
West Bridgewater	16			4.35	4.35			1.00				
West Elizabeth	8			1.50	1.50							
West Middletown	10			2.69	2.70	5.94		3.00	.30	1.00		1.50
Waynesburg				4.86	4.87				.60			
Indianola	9					2.50						1.50
McKeesport								11.20				